



## United States Department of State

*Bureau of Human Resources  
Office of Retirement  
Room H-620, SA-1  
Washington, D.C. 20522*

### **RESTORATION TO FULL ANNUITY BENEFITS APPLICATION PROCESS**

Section 806(j) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 provides that an annuity which is reduced under this section or any similar provisions of law to provide a survivor benefit for a spouse shall, if the marriage of the participant to such spouse is dissolved, be recomputed and paid for each full month during which the annuitant is not married, as if the annuity had not been so reduced. In the event of remarriage, there is no reduction if there is no election in effect for the new spouse. *Any recomputation is subject to any reduction required by a spousal agreement or court order to provide benefits for a former spouse.*

**In order to apply for restoration to full annuity benefits, please complete the forms listed below and return them along with a certified copy of the death certificate or divorce decree as appropriate.**

If you are enrolled for health insurance and have no other eligible family members, we will need a Health Benefits Registration Form, SF 2809, to change your coverage from self and family to self-only. If you are already enrolled for self-only, no change is required. However, because of your change in marital status, you may change to a self-only enrollment in another plan. If you have no health insurance, you may not enroll because of the general regulation that prohibits retirees from joining the Federal Health Benefits Program.

We have also listed SF-2823, Designation of Beneficiary, for your life insurance, and DS-5002, Designation of Beneficiary, for the Foreign Service Retirement System, which you may wish to complete. Please return TWO copies of both forms to us for certification, the duplicates will then be returned to you.

**The recomputation to full annuity and, if applicable, the health benefits change are effective the first of the month following the termination of marriage.**

#### **Forms Needed:**

Statement of Eligibility for Restoration to Full Annuity  
SF 2809 (only if enrolled for Family or Self Only)  
SF 2823  
DS-5002

#### **Return all completed forms to:**

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